The approved Master Plans are sent to the State Government for necessary action and implementation.

Tripura Government has carried out works to the tune of following amount in these sub-basins;

	Sub-Basin	Cost of Schemes implemented
1)	Manu	Rs. 26.48 Cr.
2)	Dhalai	Rs. 07.12 Cr.
3)	Burima	Rs. 09.76 Cr.
4)	Juri	Rs. 09.80 Cr.
5)	Muhuri	Rs. 15.46 Cr.
6)	Gumti	Rs. 55.56 Cr.
7)	Khowai	Rs. 10.72 Cr.
8)	Haora	Rs. 09.74 Cr.

Further, under the "critical flood control and Anti-Erosion Schemes under Brahmaputra and Barak Valley in North Eastern States including Sikkim and West Bengal (North Bengal)" for the 10th five year plan, an amount of Rs. 15.04 Crore for 3 schemes has been sanctioned. An amount of Rs. 1.50 Crore has been already released for two of the schemes under this head.

Polavaram Project

3034. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to Polavaram Project with the proposed design, 300 villages in 9 mandals in three districts of Andhra Pradesh would be submerged displacing more than 2 lakh tribal people and their livelihood; and

(b) what are the reasons for which the Central Government was allowed to proceed with the present project design when there are better alternative project designs available that obviate such massive submergence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported that a total of 276 villages (including hamlets) in 9 mandals in three districts of Andhra Pradesh would be submerged displacing 1,77,275 Nos. people out of which 60,770 Nos. are Schedule Tribes.

(b) The State has reported that thirteen alternative sites have been studied and the present site has been selected based on technical and environmental considerations and there is no other alternative project proposal better than the present project proposal which can obviate or minimize submergence. The investment clearance for the project has not been accorded by the Planning Commission as it depends upon establishing its techno-economic viability, acceptance by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources, State Government obtaining necessary clearances from the Ministry of Environment and Forests for forest area and clearance from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Ministry of Environment and Forests has accorded clearance to the project in respect of environmental aspects.

Sanction of Sutiapat reservoir project, Rajnandgaon district, Chhattisgarh

†3035. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2965 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd August, 2005 and state::

(a) the date on which sanction was accorded to Sutiapat reservoir project of Rajnandgaon district and the date on which it was forwarded to State Finance Department for latest cost;

(b) whether Government are making any special efforts to expedite the commencement of project and also to avoid further delay;

(c) whether Government would make any special effort for expediting sanction to Kelo Project and Rajiv Augmentation Scheme (Phase-II) also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.